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SUBJ: VISIT OF SECRETARY TO TURKEY: SUGGEST ARRIVAL  
AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS

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1. FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTED TEXTS ON ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE  
STATEMENTS FOR USE BY THE SECRETARY DURING HIS VISIT TO  
ANKARA JANUARY 20-21. IT IS NOT YET CLEAR THAT A TOAST  
WILL BE REQUIRED; HOWEVER, WE ARE DRAFTING ONE AND WILL  
TRANSMIT IT SEPARATELY. SINCE ISTANBUL IS TURKEY'S MAJOR  
PRESS CENTER, PLEASE INCLUDE AMCONSUL ISTANBUL AS INFO  
ADDRESSEE ON REPLY.

2. SUGGEST ARRIVAL STATEMENT: BEGIN TEXT

I AM DELIGHTED TO BE ABLE TO RETURN TO TURKEY FOR A  
VISIT AT THE INVITATION OF MY FRIEND, PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT.  
WHEN I LAST SAW HIM DURING HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES IN  
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1976, THERE HAD JUST BEEN AN ATTEMPT AGAINST HIS LIFE,  
FOLLOWED BY WORLD-WIDE RELIEF THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN  
HARMED. NOW HE HAS JUST WON A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FOR HIS  
NEW GOVERNMENT, AND WE ARE GOING TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY  
TO REVIEW WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND WITH FOREIGN  
MINISTER OKCUN--AT THE START OF THIS NEW GOVERNMENT--  
THE MAJOR TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WORLD AND

MAIN POLICY PROBLEMS THAT BOTH THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT AND THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT FACE.

I HAVE JUST COME, AS YOU KNOW, FROM MEETING WITH THE LEADERS OF TWO NEARBY COUNTRIES WHO ARE SETTING ONE OF THE GREAT EXAMPLES OF COURAGEOUS STATESMANSHIP OF OUR TIMES. WHEN I LAST CAME TO TURKEY--DURING THE CYPRUS CRISIS OF 1967--IT WAS TO WITNESS AN EARLIER EXAMPLE OF STATESMANSHIP BY THE LEADERS OF TURKEY AND GREECE. THIS TIME I COME HERE GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY THE RECENT STATEMENTS THAT PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT HAS MADE REGARDING HIS DESIRE TO RESOLVE TURKEY'S INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, AND BY THE RESPONSE OF PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS OF GREECE. I WISH SUCCESS TO BOTH OF THESE LEADERS IN WORKING OUT THE BASIS FOR HARMONIOUS RELATIONS.

WHEN I CAME TO THIS PART OF THE WORLD ON THIS TRIP, I DID NOT ANTICIPATE PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT'S KIND INVITATION TO VISIT TURKEY. THAT HAS MADE THIS OPPORTUNITY AN EVEN MORE SPECIAL PLEASURE. AND, ALTHOUGH THIS WILL BE ONLY A SHORT STAY, I EXPECT IT TO BE A PRODUCTIVE ONE.

MY PRESENCE HERE IN ANKARA SHOWS THE CONTINUING INTEREST OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN TURKEY, THE TURKISH PEOPLE AND THEIR GOVERNMENT. TURKEY HAS BEEN A VALUED FRIEND AND ALLY FOR MANY YEARS. OUR RELATIONSHIP HAS NOT BEEN WITHOUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROBLEMS, BUT DIFFICULTIES AMONG FRIENDS SHOULD BE VIEWED AS CHALLENGES, NOT OBSTACLES.

THIS BRIEF STAY WILL SERVE TO GIVE ME A SOUND UNDERSTANDING OF THE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS OF THE NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT... AND TO CONVEY TO MY HOSTS THE THINKING OF PRESIDENT CARTER AND MY GOVERNMENT ON SUBJECTS WHICH INTEREST US ALL. UPON RETURNING TO WASHINGTON, I WILL BE REPORTING TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND MEMBERS OF THE U.S. CONGRESS.

I HAVE NOT COME WITH ANY AMERICAN "FORMULA" OR "PLAN" FOR CYPRUS. I HOPE, NATURALLY, TO DISCUSS THE GENERAL SITUATION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AREA...IN THE CONTEXT, AS I SAID A MOMENT AGO, OF BROAD CONSIDERATIONS. LET ME SAY VERY DIRECTLY, THOUGH, THAT WE WERE QUITE PLEASED TO NOTE THE INTEREST THE NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS EXPRESSED IN GOING FORWARD TOWARDS SOLUTIONS.

LAST...IN THE CHRONOLOGY OF THESE REMARKS..BUT FIRST IN EARNESTNESS OF EXPRESSION, I WANT TO TELL YOU OF THE REAL PLEASURE WITH WHICH AMERICANS WATCHED THE SMOOTH TRANSITION OF POLITICAL POWER HERE IN TURKEY IN THE PAST WEEKS. WE

HAVE A SHARED COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRATIC IDEALS. SO, IT WAS  
QUITE NATURAL FOR US TO ENJOY THIS CLEAR EVIDENCE OF THE  
DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AT WORK. END TEXT. (WE SUGGEST SECRETARY  
CONSIDER ENTERTAINING A FEW QUESTIONS AT CONCLUSION  
OF ARRIVAL STATEMENT. PROPOSED Q & A FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.)

3. SUGGESTED DEPARTURE STATEMENT: BEGIN TEXT  
THIS HAS BEEN A VERY BRIEF VISIT TO ANKARA, BUT A VERY  
BUSY ONE. IT HAS BEEN AN EXTREMELY USEFUL VISIT. AS I SAID  
WHEN I ARRIVED, THE PURPOSE OF MY TRIP WAS AN EDUCATIONAL  
ONE: I WAS HERE TO LEARN ABOUT THE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS  
OF THE NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT, AND IN TURN TO EXPLAIN THE  
LATEST THINKING OF PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE AMERICAN  
GOVERNMENT. WHILE WE WERE DISCUSSING GLOBAL TRENDS AND  
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DEVELOPMENTS, WE OF COURSE ALSO REVIEWED TURKISH-AMERICAN  
RELATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR MORE GENERAL DISCUSSIONS.  
THE MEETINGS I HAVE HAD WITH PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT,  
FOREIGN MINISTER OKCUN (PRONOUNCED UHK-CHOON) AND OTHER  
SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN VERY  
VALUABLE TO ME AND I HOPE ALSO TO THEM.

TO ANTICIPATE SOME QUESTIONS, I THINK I MAY NOTE THAT NO  
DECISIONS WERE ARRIVED AT ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES  
GOVERNMENT DURING MY STAY. THAT WAS NOT THE PURPOSE OF  
MY VISIT. I WILL BE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON TO REPORT TO  
PRESIDENT CARTER AND MEMBERS OF THE US CONGRESS ON WHAT  
I HAVE LEARNED. WE THUS WILL BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO  
FOLLOW EVENTS OF THE COMING MONTHS AND TO TAKE WHATEVER  
DECISIONS MIGHT NEED TO BE TAKEN.

BUT WE HAVE BEEN MOSTE ENCOURAGED BY INDICATIONS THAT  
THE NEW TURKISH GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO WORK FOR A RAPID  
SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. PRIME MINISTER  
ECEVIT'S RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS, THAT HE WILL PRESS  
FOR AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, AND  
THAT HE WILL TAKE THE INITIATIVE REGARDING THE CONSTITUTIONAL  
AND TERRITORIAL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM, ARE INDEED VERY  
WELCOME. WE ALSO CONSIDER IT EINCOURAGING THAT GREEK PRIME  
MINISTER CARAMANLIS HAS NOTED " WITH SATISFACTION" CERTAIN  
ELEMENTS OF PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT'S STATEMENTS.

EVERYTHING I LEARNED DURING MY VISIT STRENGTHENED MY SENSE  
OF OPTIMISM. I RETURN TO WASHINGTON WITH THE OPTIMISM--  
TEMPERED BY THE RECOGNITION THAT THE PROBLEMS WHICH INVOLVE  
THE COUNTRIES OF THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN HAVE DEVELOPED  
OVER MANYYEARS; WE CANNOT EXPECT THEM TO VANISH IN  
A FEW DAYS.

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BUT A GOOD BEGINNING HAS BEEN MADE, AND I LOOK FORWARD  
WITH HOPE TO FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARDS A RESOLUTION OF

TENSIONS IN THE CRITICAL PART OF THE WORLD.  
NOW I'LL BE HAPPY TO TAKE A FEW QUESTIONS. END TEXT  
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